

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 643

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend George Andrew "Drew" Willis on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people ages six to twenty with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical development; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout; George Andrew "Drew" Willis, after considerable hard work and preparation, Will joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor in a special ceremony to be held on May 29th, 1998, at the Bartlett United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Drew is the son of proud parents Anna Pope Willis, a Shelby County kindergarten teacher, and Lt. J. Michael Willis, a member of the Memphis Police Department Crime Scene and Bomb Squad Unit. His brother, J. Marshall Willis, is a senior at Craigmont Senior High School and plans to attend either Georgia Tech University or Duke University in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Drew is a highly regarded freshman at Craigmont Senior High School, and has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; he is a valuable member of the Student Council and golf team; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary record as a member of Boy Scout Troop 255, at Bartlett United Methodist Church, includes being a member of the Order of the Arrow, service as

700000000

70000000

014853

01485326

Assistant Patrol Leader, and attending the High Adventure in Key West, Florida, Sea Base, in 1997. He will attend the High Adventure, Northern Tier, in Minnesota, this year; and

WHEREAS, Drew demonstrates his strong faith as an active member of the Bartlett United Methodist Church and their Youth Fellowship group, and faithfully serves the Lord as a member of the Foot Soldiers Youth Service Club and the Crossroads Youth Choir, a choir that tours the country each summer performing a musical; and

WHEREAS, his Eagle project involved collecting used golf equipment, bags, balls, and clubs to distribute to local Junior Golf Association Clinics and programs, the Little Golf House in Franklin, Tennessee, and the Kia Kima Scout Reservation in Hardy, Arkansas, where a driving range and putting range are being set up to prepare scouts for the golf Merit Badge; and

WHEREAS, his innovative Eagle project benefited numerous young persons and reflected the fine traditions of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize Drew Willis as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and honor Drew Willis on becoming an Eagle Scout, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.